

REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.121:

5 I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a fluid ejection head, classified in class 347, subclass 63.

II. Claims 13-25, drawn to a method of manufacturing a fluid ejection device, classified in class 216, subclass 27.

10 The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed
15 can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the process as claimed can be made by another and materially different process MPEP § 806.05(f). In the instant case, the apparatus could be manufactured by a materially different process, such as laser ablation.

20 Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

25 Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

30 Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to

be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

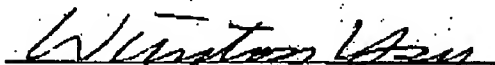
Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of the
5 claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be
amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of
the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at
least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment
of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37
10 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Response:

The Applicant has consequently amended the claims in the
above AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS section to elect the claims
15 in Group I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a fluid ejection head, are
elected as the subject matter to be examined in the present
application. Claims 13-25 are non-elected and therefore
withdrawn. Reconsideration of claims 1-12 is therefore
requested.

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